

OCP

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

S-E-C-R-E-T
NOFORN

PROCESSING COPY

COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia	REPORT	
SUBJECT	Motor Vehicle and Airplane Equipment Plants	DATE DISTR.	April 8, 1957. 25X1
	<i>re: electrical engineering production, Kromeriz na Morave (B) Kbely (C) Turnov (3 plants) and Mechanical Production (a) Radotin (B) Jihlava (C) Nova Jicin (D) Velkeblat (E) Prague-Hlasovice, (5 plants)</i>	NO. PAGES	1
		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD
DATE OF INFO.		REFERENCES	25X1
PLACE & DATE ACQ.			25X1

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

a report on various plants producing electrical engineering and mechanical equipment for the motor vehicle and aeronautics industries in Czechoslovakia.

Comment: The report describes these plants as belonging to the PAL National Enterprise. PAL did include many of these plants immediately after the Second World War, but at present only a few of them are named PAL

25X1

37

S-E-C-R-E-T
NOFORN

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC				
(Note: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#".)														

INFORMATION REPORT INFORMATION REPORT

~~the~~ ^{enterprise} PAL State Consortium has jurisdiction over all Czechoslovak plants producing electrical engineering and mechanical equipment for the automotive and aeronautics industry. The head office is located at Prague II, Na Prikopech, in the former "Cerna Ruze" Cafe. The head of the ^{enterprise} consortium is Dr. Eng. Hanka, a Czech.

The ^{enterprise} consortium is divided into two production sectors: mechanical and electrical engineering. Each sector is in the charge of an official, who is responsible for production in the sector concerned. The ^{enterprise} consortium comprises all industries and factories which hold the state monopoly on the manufacture of equipment and fittings for the automotive and aeronautics industry.

Electrical Engineering Production

The ^{enterprise} consortium has three plants engaged in electrical engineering production:

1. Narodni podnik PAL, Kromeriz na Morave, formerly the MAGNETON Works.
2. Narodni podnik PAL, Kbely, near Prague.
3. Narodni podnik PAL, Turnov, formerly the PALUX Works.

Kromeriz Plant

The Kromeriz plant is located in the northeastern part of the city in recently constructed buildings. Four of these buildings are one-story closed sheds of steel construction with eternit roofing. The plant does not have its own power plant; it is connected to the network of electric power plants of eastern Moravia (Vychodomoravske elektrarny).

The director of the plant is Engr Vojtech Nedbal, an eminent Czech technician. The plant employs 1,600 persons working in two shifts.

SECRET
NOFORN

- 1 -

SECRET

25X1

SECRET
NOFORN

25X1

The plant produces engine starters for automobiles and aircraft, generators for automobiles and aircraft, distributors of all types, circuit-breaker fuses, and other products.

Kbely Plant

The Kbely plant, near Prague, is on the main road from Prague to Brandys nad Labem, in the immediate vicinity of the Kbely airport. It was built and equipped by the Germans during the war. The plant occupies six large three-story buildings. Lacking its own power plant, the plant is connected to the power distribution network of northern Bohemia.

The plant employs about 1,500 persons working in two shifts. It produces all types of condensers for the automotive and aeronautics industry, distributors, thermostats, automobile and aircraft electrical systems, bakelite safety cutouts, plugs, etc.

Turnov Plant

The Turnov plant was established after 1948 in the building formerly occupied by a textile mill. Its director is Kropacek, a very capable Czech manufacturer. The plant does not produce its own electric power; it is connected to the power distribution network of northern Bohemia. It employs 1,000 persons.

It produces transformers, all types of current rectifiers, all types of coils, control and signal lights, and electric heating systems for cockpits

25X1

Mechanical Production

The ^{enterprise} consortium has six plants engaged in mechanical production, at the following locations: Radotin, near Prague (formerly the PANTOFLICEK works); Jihlava; Kraslive; Nova Jicin (formerly the JORO Works); Prague-Holesovice (formerly the SOLEK Works); and Veleslavin, near Prague (formerly the Engineer Klapka Works). The ^{enterprise} consortium has still another subsidiary plant (the former Reiner Brothers Works) at Dolni Pocernice, near Prague, which does not fall directly under either production sector.

SECRET

- 2 -

SECRET

SECRET
NOFORNRadotin Plant

The Radotin plant, near Prague, is on the outskirts of the city of Radotin, on the Prague-Chuchle highway. It consists of (2) three-story buildings and ~~two~~ ^{two single-} story closed sheds. Its equipment is very modern. The director is Kusy, a 25X1 Czech [redacted]

[redacted] The plant employs about 1,200 persons. It produces hydraulic shock absorbers, oil shock absorbers, shock absorbers for aircraft landing gear, and hydraulic steering devices for the MIG-15.

Jihlava Plant

The plant is divided into two parts, each set up in a separate group of buildings. The principal part is located in the center of Jihlava. A secondary shop is located at Cerna Hora, near Jihlava.

At present the plant employs about 2,500 persons. Its director is Engr. Karel Holub, a r eminent Czech technician.

Both parts of the plant have very modern equipment and produce exclusively vaporizers for all types of diesel motors.

Kraslice Plant

The Kraslice plant was built by the Germans during the war; originally it produced antitank rocket launchers ("Panzerfauste). It is situated on the outskirts of the city, on the Kraslice-Klingental main highway. It now employs 1,000 persons. The director is Hans, [redacted] a 25X1 good technician. The plant produces drop-forgings for the automotive and aeronautics industry; for example, bumper bars, bumper springs, handles, and window frames.

Novy Jicin Plant

The Novy Jicin plant is located in the inner section of the city. It employs about 2,000 persons. The director is Engineer Jofilek, a Slovak. The plant's equipment is very modern. In the last few years, the plant was renovated and expanded. It produces all kinds of lights for the automotive and aeronautics industry.

SECRET
NOFORN

SECRET
NOFORNPrague-Holesovice Plant

In recent years, the Prague-Holesovice plant has been enlarged twice and completely modernized. Its equipment is now very modern. The former SOLEX works made carburetors for internal-combustion engines on French license. For a few years now the plant has been making a new PAL carburetor, said to have been designed by the plant director, Engineer Zarecky. However, it is probably an imitation of the famous SOLEX carburetor. Zarecky is a Russian

The plant is in the immediate vicinity of the main Prague slaughterhouse at Holesovice. It employs about 1,000 persons.

25X1

Veleslavin Plant

The Veleslavin plant, near Prague, produces hydraulic oil brakes for the automobile industry. Since the plant is very obsolete, its production will be suspended and taken over by the Radotin works. The Veleslavin plant will be completely renovated and modernized.

Dolni Pocernice Plant

The Dolni Pocernice plant (formerly Reiner Brothers), near Prague, produces bakelite parts for the automotive and aircraft industry -- steering wheels, instrument panels, commutation panels, electric sockets, plugs, etc. The plant has modern equipment and employs about 800 persons. It is at the entrance to Pocernice, on the Prague side. The director is Eng^r Julius Pacht, a Czech.

SECRET
NOFORN